



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TRYOUTS HELD AT CLARKE COLLEGE. Above Coach Richard Harris, and Mrs. Evelyn Williams, Director of Admission at Clarke College, instruct visiting students on financial aid and athletic scholarships. These students were guests on the Clarke campus to participate in tryouts for the school's women's basketball team. Students who visit during these tryouts are not only viewed by the coaches in basketball actions, but are invited to tour the campus, sit in on classes if they wish and given information on all programs available at Clarke.



CHAPEL GUEST AT CLARKE COLLEGE-David Hassell, contemporary Christian singer will be special guest for two events on the Clarke College campus Feb. 14 and 15. He will be entertainer for the student valentine dinner, sponsored by the Student Body Association on Tuesday night, Feb. 14 and will be guest for chapel services on Wed., February 15, at 11:00 a.m. Those interested in hearing this outstanding performer are invited to attend chapel services in Lott Fine Arts Building. (Clarke College Photo)

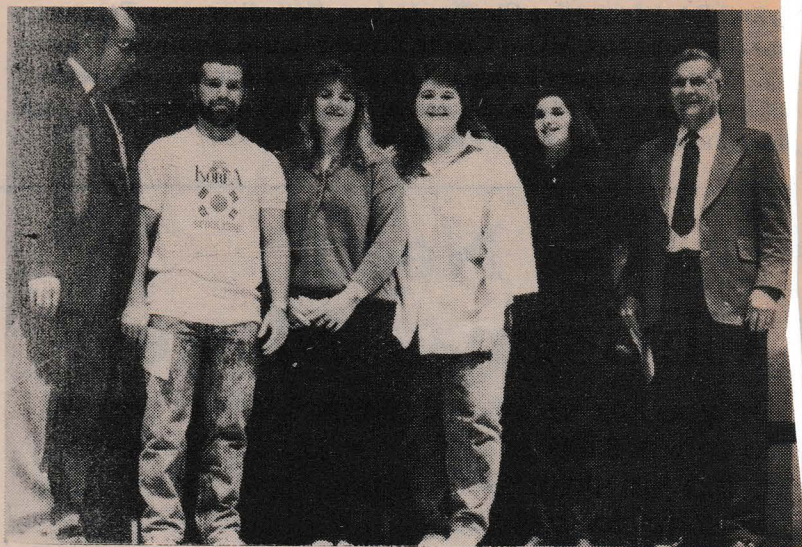
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CLARKE COLLEGE SUMMER MISSIONARIES. Clarke College students who served as student summer missionaries June through August, 1988 are: Paul Woolery, Decatur, who served in Korea; Mary Nell Vandevender, Preston, who served in the state of Arkansas; Sue Chaffin, Jackson, who served in Indiana and Traci Hickman, Newton, who served in the state of Florida. Pictured with them is Dr. Eddie Ruddick, left, Chairman, Department of Religion, Clarke College and J.B. Costilow, Clarke BSU Director, far right.



CLARKE COLLEGE STUDENT BODY OFFICERS. Student Body Association Officers at Clarke College for the 1988-89 School term are left to right, back row, Sondra Davidson, Butler, AL - Freshman Representative Kevin White, director of development and Alumni at

Clarke Panthers Open Season

The Clarke College mens' and womens' basketball teams are preparing for their season opener Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. against Holmes Community College. The teams have been working out since early September and are looking forward to a successful season.

The Panthers are now under the leadership of Coach Richard Harris, Hickory, who recently came out of retirement to join the Clarke College Coaching staff. The mens' team will have 6 returning lettermen: Julius Johnson, New Hope; Fred Cook, Tupelo; Barry Vinson, Southaven; Charles Henderson, Horn Lake; James Hendricks, Southaven and Dwayne Proctor, transfer student from Trenton Junior College, MO. The Panthers' roster also includes 4 freshmen who are Jason Runnels, Hillcrest Academy, Jackson; Corey Hadley, Northeast Jones; James Walker, Laurel and Derrick Boler, Meridian.

Coach Harris says he is not making any predictions; however, he feels the Panthers teams have good speed, great spirit, and are working very hard.



Michael Moorehead

Clarke freshman feature

In the freshman spotlight this week is Michael Moorehead of Louisville, a history major at Clarke. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moorehead of Louisville.

A fellow student remarked, "When you talk with 'Mo', you soon find yourself laughing. He has a great sense of humor and is a credit to our school."

When asked what brought him to Clarke College, he replied, "I wanted to attend a smaller school. He stated that he would definitely recommend Clarke to others because of its family atmosphere and its excellent faculty. He said, 'The instructors are always well prepared to teach their classes.' Michael is a member of Baptist Student Union and is supportive of all campus activities."



CLARKE COLLEGE HOMECOMING COURT. Pictured above are members of the homecoming court at Clarke College. They are, left to right: Kevin Bailey, Tupelo escorting sophomore maid, Bethney Harrell, Morton; LeJuan Brown, Meridian, escorting Tracia Coleman, Lake, freshman maid Angela Thrash, Morton, sophomore maid escorted bny Randall Hutton, Jackson; Pam Leach, Sebastopol, freshman maid escorted by Cliff Webb, Jackson; Carol Ann Adkins, MC at Clarke Maid, escorted by David Adkins and Shannon Stockman, Homecoming Queen, escorted by Barry Vinson, Southaven.



SMALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE - Approximately 300 leaders from small area churches gathered in Lott Fine Arts Building on the Clarke College campus on Saturday, October 1, for a Small Church Leadership Conference. This event was sponsored by Mississippi Baptist Convention.

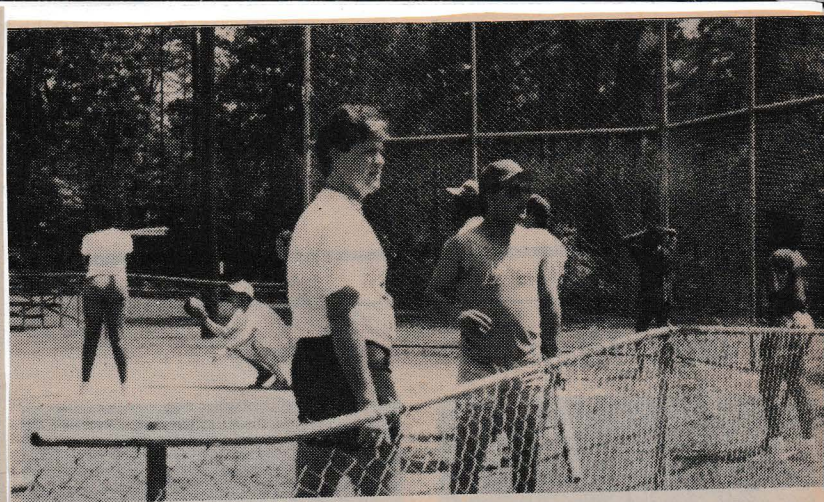
Coordinators for this conference were Don Wilson, Associational Administrative Consultant, and Chester Vaughn, Program Director, MBCB.



Clarke phonathon

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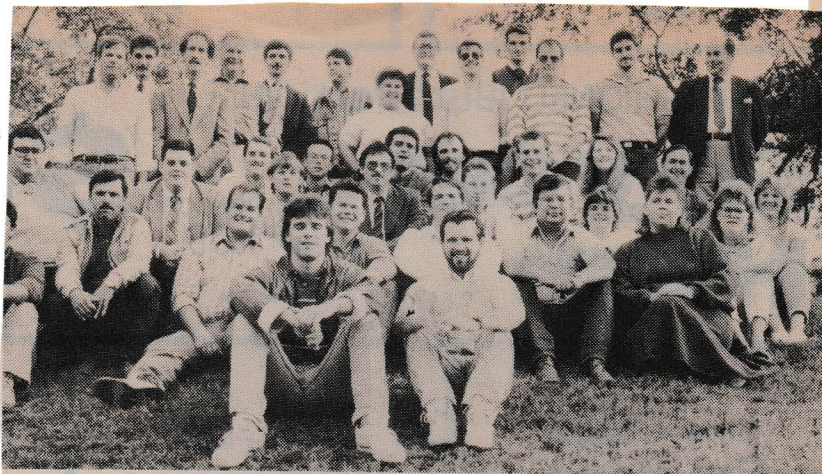


SPRING FLING. Clarke College faculty, staff and students recently held an outing at Roosevelt State Park when an afternoon of softball, goofer golf, paddle boating and food and fellowship were enjoyed. This is an annual event when classes are dismissed and students and employees gather for recreation.

Pictured above: Kevin White, Development Director, oversees softball while students group at pavillion for good food.



CLARKE COLLEGE PHI THETA KAPPA "ADOPTS-A-HIGHWAY". Pictured above are members of the Clarke College Phi Theta Kappa Academic Society as they collect trash beside Highway 15 North in Newton. This activity was a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program recently initiated.



CLARKE COLLEGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION. Clarke College's Ministerial Association is an organization composed of students pursuing degrees in Bible and Religious Education on the Clarke Campus.

These young men and women are active in campus revivals, pulpit supply for for area churches, youth revivals over the state of Mississippi, and community missions which include jail and nursing home ministry. Dr. Eddie Ruddick, Chairman, Dept. of Religion at Clarke and J.B. Costilow, BSU Director are M.A. Sponsors.

CLARKE COLLEGE

A Division of Mississippi College

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

SPRING 1987

For further information contact Director of Admissions
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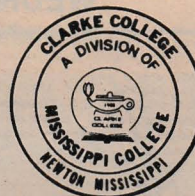
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SECOND SEMESTER 1986-87

January 12 Open
January 12 Orientation
Registration for night classes
January 13 Registration
January 14 Classes begin
January 15 Schedule Changes
January 30 Last day for enrolling
March 7-15 Spring Recess
(Residence halls will close 9 a.m. on March 7,
re-open 2 p.m. on March 15. Classes resume
March 16 at 8 a.m.)
April 17 Easter Holiday
May 6-11 Final Examinations
May 12, 2 p.m. Graduation
May 16, 2 p.m. Graduation

1987 SUMMER SESSION

First Term - June 8-July 10
Second Term - July 13-August 14



CLASS TIMES

M-W-F

1. 8:00 - 8:50
2. 9:00 - 9:50
3. 10:00 - 10:50
4. 11:00 - 11:50 (Wed. Chapel)
Lunch (12:00 - 12:30)
5. 12:30 - 1:20
6. 1:30 - 2:20
7. 2:30 - 3:20

T-TH

1. 8:00 - 9:15
2. 9:30 - 10:45
3. 11:00 - 12:15
Lunch (12:15 - 1:00)
4. 1:00 - 2:15
5. 2:30 - 3:45

<u>Course Number</u>	<u>Sec.</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
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ART

ART 207	A	M3:30 pm	Art for Children
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ENGLISH

ENG 100	A	TBA	Fund. of English
ENG 101	A	2TTH	English Comp. I
ENG 101	B	5MWF	English Comp. I
ENG 102	A	3TTH	English Comp. II
ENG 202	A	3MWF	English Lit. II
ENG 202	B	2TTH	English Lit. II

GREEK

GRK 203	A	1MWF	Inter. Greek
GRK 204	A	1TTH	Inter. Greek

MUSIC

MUS 093	A	4MTTH	Clarke College Singers
MUS 102	A	2MWF	Theory I
MUS 106	A	2TTH	Elem. Ear Training
MUS 111	A-B	TBA	Private Organ
MUS 112	A-B	TBA	Private Organ
MUS 120	A	TBA	Class Piano
MUS 121	A-B	TBA	Private Piano
MUS 122	A-B	TBA	Private Piano
MUS 131	A-B	TBA	Private Voice
MUS 132	A-B	TBA	Private Voice
MUS 156	A	3MW	Music Lit. II
MUS 194	A	5MWTTH	Clarke College Choir
MUS 202	A	2MW	Theory II
MUS 206	A	2TTH	Adv. Ear Training
MUS 211	A-B	TBA	Private Organ
MUS 212	A-B	TBA	Private Organ
MUS 221	A-B	TBA	Private Piano
MUS 222	A-B	TBA	Private Piano
MUS 225	A	1TTH	Music for Children
MUS 228	A	3TTH	Adv. Conducting
MUS 231	A-B	TBA	Private Voice
MUS 232	A-B	TBA	Private Voice
MUS 256	A	1MW	Music History II

READING

REA 011	A	2MWF	Reading Improvement
REA 011	B	3MWF	Reading Improvement
REA 111	A	4MF/TBA	Speed Reading
REA 112	A	4MF/TBA	Speed Reading
REA 121	A	4MF/TBA	Vocab. Improvement
REA 122	A	4MF/TBA	Vocab. Improvement

SPEECH AND DRAMA

SPE 101	A	4TTH	Fund. of Speech
SPE 121	A	1MWF	Intro. to Drama

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HISTORY

HIS 102	A	1TTH	Hist. of Civ. II
HIS 102	B	3TTH	History of Civ. II
HIS 151	A	M6-9pm	Mississippi History
HIS 212	A	5TTH	History of U.S. II
HIS 231	A	2TTH	Church History

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY 201	A	3MWF	Intro. to Psychology
PSY 221	A	2TTH	Child Psychology
PSY 222	A	2MWF	Adol. Psychology

SOCIOLOGY

SOC 213	A	Tu6-9pm	The Family
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EDUCATION

EDU 221	A	2TTH	Intro. to Elem. Teach.
EDU 299	A	TBA	Field Experience

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PED 102	A	3TTH	Badminton & Tennis
PED 103	A	2TTH	Basketball & Softball
PED 104	A	1TTH	Team Sports
PED 106	A	6M-F	Varsity Baseball
PED 107	A	6MWF/ 5TTH	Varsity Basketball Men
PED 108	A	5MWF/ 4TTH	Var. Basketball Women
PED 110	A	4MF	Fitness for Life
PED 209	A	2TTH	Org. & Adm. of Camping
PED 211	A	4TTH	Rec. Leadership
PED 231	A	2MWF	Team Sports
PED 232	A	1MWF	Physical Education

EDUCATION

EDU 304	A	5&6W 3,4,5TTH	Educational Psychology
EDU 311	A	Tu6-9pm	Soc. Studies for Child
EDU 321	A	5TTH	Math for Child.
EDU 334	A	4TTH	Teaching of Reading
EDU 409	A	1,2,6TTH 1,2,3,W	Methods & Materials
EDU 422	A	TBA	Directed Teaching
EDU 436	A	TBA	Exceptional Children

RELIGION

BIB 210	A	6TTH	World of the Bible
BIB 300	A	W12:30 3:30	Pastoral Ministries
BIB 316	A	5TTH	Poetic & Wis. Lit.
PHI 315	A	4TTH	Phil. of Christ. Rel.

BIBLE

BIB 111	A	3TTH	Old Testament Survey
BIB 111	B	2MWF	Old Testament Survey
BIB 112	A	2MWF	New Testament Survey
BIB 112	B	3TTH	New Testament Survey
BIB 112	C	Tu6-9pm	New Testament Survey
BIB 232	A	W12:30-3:30	Pastoral Ministries

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RED 211	A	3MWF	His. & Phil. of R.E.
RED 212	A	1MWF	R.E. in Local Church

COMPUTER SCIENCE

CSC 115	A	1MWF	Computing Sci. II
CSC 115	B	Th6-9pm	Computing Sci. II
CSC 215	A	2TTH	Computing Sci. IV

MATH

MAT 102	A	3MWF	Trigonometry
MAT 110	A	3TTH	Fund. of Math

SCIENCES

SCI 102	A	1MWF	Physical Sci. II
SCI 112	A	1TTH	General Biology II
SCI 112	1	M12:30-1:45	Lab-Gen. Biology II
SCI 112	2	Th 1:00-2:15	Lab-Gen. Biology II
SCI 122	A	3MWF	Gen. Chemistry II
SCI 122	1	TBA	Lab-Gen. Chem II
SCI 251	A	TBA	Microbiology
SCI 251	1	TBA	Lab-Microbiology

SECRETETIAL SCIENCE

SEC 112	A	1MWF	Inter. Typewriting
SEC 211	A	1MWF	Adv. Typewriting
SEC 121	A	1TTH	Elem. Shorthand

BUSINESS

GBU 202	A	TBA	Elem. Accounting II
GBU 232	A	Tu6-9pm	Economic Prin. II

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RED 303	A	2MWF	Dyn. of Christian Lead.
RED 312	A	3MWF	His. & Phil. of R.E.

GREEK

GRK 201	A	1MWF	Inter. Greek
GRK 202	A	1TTH	Inter. Greek

LIBRARY SCIENCE

LSC 406	A	2TTH	Books & Related Mat.
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MATH

MAT 311	A	3TTH	Math for Teachers
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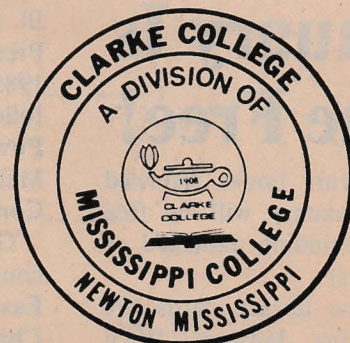
ENG 310	A	5TTH	Technical Writing
ENG 302	A	4TTH	Major American Writers
ENG 404	A	1TTH	Dev. of English Novel

HISTORY

HIS 307	A	M6-9pm	Mississippi History
HIS 438	A	2TTH	Church History

PSYCHOLOGY

PSY 302	A	2MWF	Adol. Psychology
PSY 305	A	2TTH	Child Psychology





The Ethridges are pictured here as they were in 1984, the year Danny was called to preach. Angela is standing behind her parents, Danny and Linda; her sister, Sue Ann, stands behind her brother, Rusty.

Wahalak:

Like a cat with nine lives!

Wahalak Church, organized in Kemper County in 1833, first met in a log cabin. In the frontier state, the church played a role in settling disputes between neighbors. One investigating committee reported in 1835: "October — Brother Deal admitted killing his neighbor's cow and painting his own cow to look like the dead one, but he said he didn't mean to deceive anyone. He said he shot the cow accidentally."

In 1837, the church moved to Mt. Pleasant Academy; the planks of the old one were sold for \$8.80. A new building was completed in 1839, ready for the state Baptist convention to meet there in 1840. It was then one of the largest Baptist churches in the state.

When the Mobile and Ohio Railroad station missed the old community by six miles in 1857, a decline of the community began. During the War between the States, the church was dissolved.

In 1884, the church was re-established. In 1896 it was moved to a building shared with Methodists and Presbyterians. Shortly afterward, the church a second time was dissolved. In 1970, it was re-organized. In 1937, it was dissolved again.

In 1945, the present church was organized with Joe Abrams as pastor. They met in the church that had been used since 1896. It had to be remodeled before they could move in. That building burned in 1953.

The church (which in spite of war and fire kept springing back up!) then began to meet in an abandoned school.

Under leadership of O. P. Moore, pastor in 1977 and faculty member at Clarke, a new church building was begun, with donations from all over the U.S. The new building opened May 11, 1980. In 1988, Wahalak has 75 resident members. Danny Ethridge is pastor.



Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



"Life begins at 40"

"Life begins at 40," they say. For Danny Ethridge, life at 40 took a 90-degree turn. That year, 1984, he gave his testimony during a lay revival, using the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15. He knew then for sure God was calling him to preach.

That brought up some questions. Did he have the courage to quit his job at Hardin's Bakery to enter college at his age? With Angela, his oldest daughter already in college; Sue Ann, his youngest daughter, in high school; and Rusty, his son, in second grade, how could he possibly pay more student fees? Could they live on his wife, Linda's, earnings as a school bus driver and relief mail carrier?

Like Peter walking on the water, he took several steps forward. He quit his job and sold his motorcycle and a couple of other vehicles, got a student loan, and applied for some scholarships. He began a little supply preaching. Unlike Peter, he didn't sink. He just kept on walking.

I think he and his family have proved that people can go to our state Baptist colleges if they really want to. They've used all four of them as a testing ground.

From his home at Neshoba, Danny could easily drive to Clarke. When he made a 4.0 average in his first semester grades, his confidence soared; he knew he was on his way. At Clarke, he was chosen president of the ministerial association and president of the honor society, Phi Theta Kappa, and elected to Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. Soon Wahalak Church in Kemper County called him as pastor. He and Linda would make the hour's drive there twice weekly and stay in a little house near the church over the weekends. Linda continued to drive a school bus to Union and to deliver mail.

Scholarships came to him from the Baptist Foundation; Big Ridge Church, Biloxi; and Hardy Church, Grenada, along with financial aid from Wahalak and others.

"I could not leave my family," he recalled. "If Clarke had not been there, I might not have been able to be in the ministry today." This summer he was graduated from

Mississippi College (all classes on Clarke campus). This fall he enrolled at the New Orleans Seminary Extension Center at MC.

Danny Ethridge was born in Meridian, next to youngest of eight. His father died when Danny was three. His mother, Bonnie, went to work in a shirt factory. "Until I left home, my

In 1840, the state Baptist convention met at Wahalak Church in Kemper County, which was one of the largest Baptist churches in the state.

mother always made sure I was in church," he remembers. Once, J. M. Snowden, his pastor, took him into a Sunday School room and talked with him about Jesus. Then, about age 10, he accepted Christ and was baptized, at Pine Grove Church, Lauderdale County.

At 16 he got a job in a grocery store and moved into a Meridian apartment. He got into the wrong crowd, he told me, ones who shot pool and drank beer. He stopped going to church, and only after his marriage did he return.

One of his sisters introduced him to Linda, daughter of Erastus Busby, while she was a student at Hinds Junior College and he was working at Hardin's in Jackson. On their first date, they ate at the Elite Cafe. A few months later they eloped. She began work for South Central Bell.

About 11 years ago they built a house at Neshoba, to be nearer his mother. They moved their letters to Neshoba Church. "That was like a new start for me when I walked down that aisle," he recalls. "The people were friendly. They accepted us." He began teaching a class of teen-age boys in Sunday School, and helping with associational youth rallies. He was ordained as a deacon. Linda served on the building committee. "The more we served the Lord," he said, "the closer we felt to him." The more he did, the more he wanted to do. The next step was his surrender to preach.

Both he and Angela were in Clarke one year before she transferred to Carey. During high school she had worked part time at Laird Hospital. In Hattiesburg, she was music therapist at Forrest General Hospital. Last spring she completed her course work at Carey and now is doing an internship in music therapy at Terrebonne Retardation Center in Louisiana. She has been nominated for a Rotary Scholarship, to study in England.

On Oct. 23, Angela was married in a ceremony at Neshoba Church, to Jimmy Garrard, son of the pastor of Greens Creek, Petal. In fact, when I met her parents at their home a few days later, I tasted some of her wedding cake.

"Angie sang solos, but Sue Ann played basketball," said Danny. "She was my little boy until I got Rusty." Sue Ann, a junior at Blue Mountain, was this summer a BSU missionary to Nevada. As Star Student in high school at Union, she chose Mrs. Burnell Adkins, math teacher, as Star Teacher. (Mrs. Adkins happened to be the wife of the eye doctor for whom Sue Ann was working. But Sue Ann, who also got the Math Award, said she chose her not for that reason! "Mrs. Adkins made math come alive for me.") Her majors at Blue Mountain are physical education and home economics.

Rusty (Russell Lee), now 12, is in sixth grade, advanced class, and plays trumpet in his school band.

Clearly, the whole family has worked together to make college education dreams come true. Danny said that the girls are thrifty, and that their lack of many material goods taught them responsibility. "Though they did not get so many things, they got lots of love," he said. Sue Ann, who has three scholarships at Blue Mountain, told her parents she would prefer not to have a car at college. Linda, who likes to sew, has made many of the girls' clothes, and her own. A good cook (W. D. and I learned from the great lunch she provided), she must have known how to stretch food dollars. Her tuna casserole was marvelous. And so were the beans

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1968



1968. Clarke's New Organ



Singing Christmas Tree



1968



Faculty 1968-1969 Session



Music Faculty 1968





1833-84 Memorial Assoc.

Left to Right Standing:

Dr. Edw. Rudwick

Phil Smith

John Strickland

Ernest Moody

Vaughn Barker

Mark Carney

Gene Martin

William Spencer

By Request

John Lawrence

Henry Weyland

John Lawrence

James Miller

Richard Watson

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Left to Right Seated

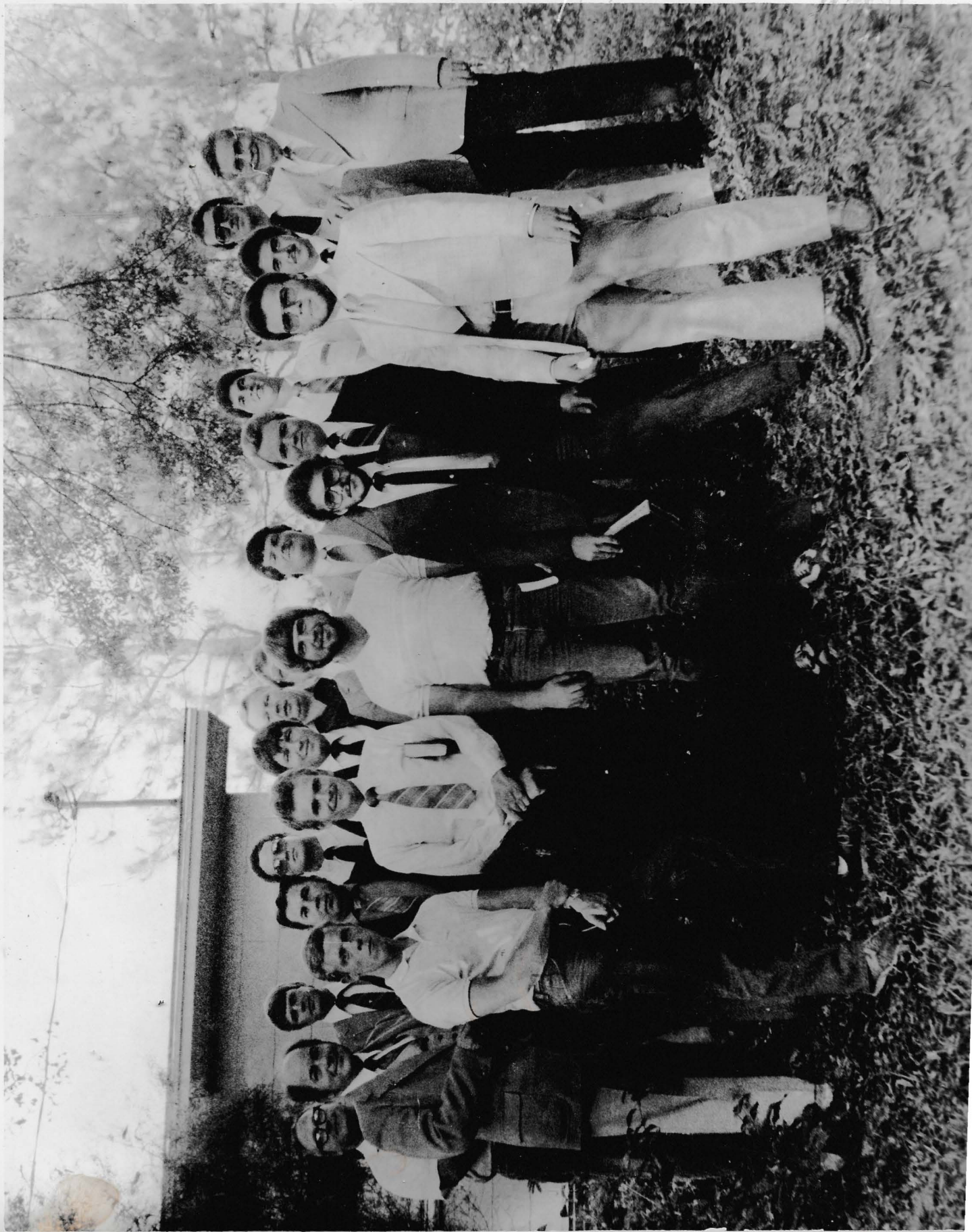
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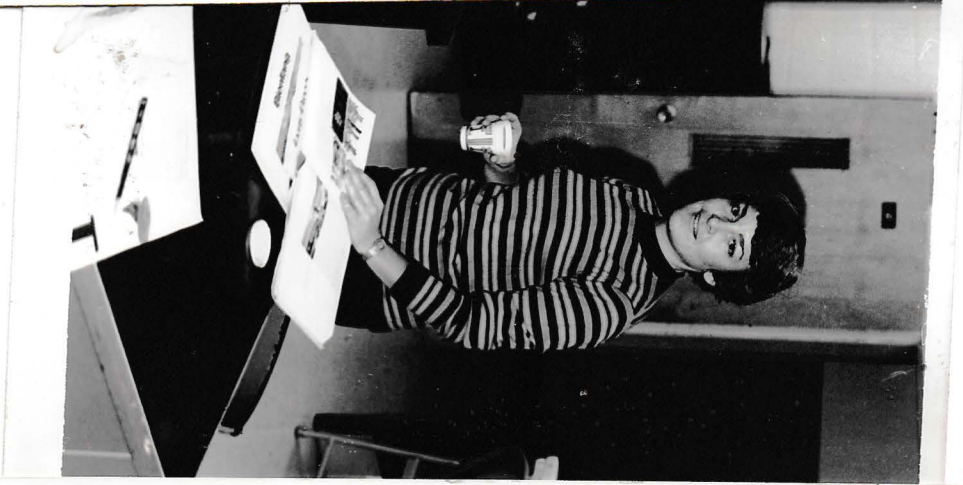
Paul Clark

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CLARKE COLLEGE "FAMILY OF GOD" HOMECOMING APRIL 28, 2001

Plans and preparation are being made for an exciting "FAMILY OF GOD" Clarke College Homecoming. It will take place at Calvary Baptist Church in Newton, Mississippi on Saturday, April 28, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Building. The Program is as follows:

8:30 a.m.

Registration & Fellowship

9:30 a.m.

Singspiration, Testimonies, Memorial Service, &
Special Music featuring family groups

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 a.m.

Business Session, Election of Officers, &
Update on property

11:15 a.m.

Congregational Song & Praise

11:30 a.m.

Don Redmon, Missionary Speaker

12:00 Noon

Lunch served in Family Life Building
(\$8.00 per person)

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Class Gatherings & Alumni Center
Visitation

Come get MORE involved in keeping the Clarke
College Homecoming alive!!!

Some Clarke College Experiences

The time was the mid 50s -- 1955 to be more exact -- and Clarke College was about to open the fall session. The president, Dr. W. E. Greene had moved on, and Dr. W. L. Compere was about to come on board as president. My first experience of being on campus was in 1952, shortly after I had surrendered to preach. I went with my pastor, W. R. Storie, FBC, Ocean Springs, MS, who has a number of men enrolled. I wanted to see this place called "Clarke Memorial College."

I came on campus in September 1955 to "make a preacher," or so I thought. The campus setting was neat. Driving onto the campus, one would be greeted by a beautiful elongated circle with buildings on either side. Students were busy going to class, dormitories, sitting out on the circle with friends, or gathered in prayer circles for fellowship.

Clarke College was a very special place in the mid 50s. Students were like family, faculty was warm, engaging, and understanding -- some, more so than others, but non the less, involved with student life. Highest enrollments were seen throughout the 50s. At the very first day of introduction, one knew they were a member of the Clarke College Family.

In 1955, Miss Frances Browning and Miss Allyne Wesson were teaching in the English department, and one could learn lasting life-lessons from either of them. The Bible department icon was Dr. John F. Carter, and two memorable men, Drs. James Clark and O. P. Moore who could walk you through the Bible, page by page. An older gentlemen, Tom Lee, served as librarian -- he had come to Clarke, went on to Mississippi College and graduated the oldest

student at that time.

Clarke College was a special school. Anyone who wanted to get an education had an opportunity at Clarke. Clarke was a school with a sub-collegiate program for GI Bills and non-diploma students. It has been said that more students came off this campus to church ministries and mission fields than all other schools in Mississippi. The decade of the 50s was a very special time, special people forming special relationships that will be there for them throughout life.

Chester Estes

Helen and I and two children - ages three years, and two weeks old, arrived on Clarke Memorial Junior College campus August 30th, 1948, ready to begin a journey that would include many pleasant and memorable experiences that have enriched our lives down through the years.

One that has stood uppermost in my mind over the years was the sharing of produce among the married students who were fortunate enough to pastor a church. Most of the churches they pastored were small rural churches that did not have lots of money to pay the pastor in cash, so the difference was made up with gifts of fresh produce. Sometimes it was fresh vegetables, smoked meat, eggs, butter, etc. Many time these gifts were more than a small family needed and the extra was shared. On Monday morning there was sharing and swapping. I had more turnips than I could eat but if you had no turnips you did have two gallons of syrup. We traded. In many instances there was enough to share with others who were not pastors.

The ladies of the church I pastored agreed among themselves that the one who fed the pastor and his family would get that day's eggs. In those days, the mothers had no cash income other than what they received from the sale of the surplus eggs and cream. Many Sundays I returned to campus with ten or twelve dozen eggs, many more than my family of four could use, so we shared.

One Sunday I returned to campus with no eggs. That Sunday I had lunch with this particular family as usual. After we had eaten our meal, the man said, "Preacher, will you come with me out to the barn?" As we walked to the barn I made some comments about some of the live stock. Remember I was a city boy who grew up in New Orleans and all of this rural

activity was foreign to me.

We reached the barn and went to the corn crib. The man opened the door and reached into the crib and brought out a sack of shelled corn. He said, "Bro. Pulling, as you can see, we have no chickens in the yard so there are no eggs for you, but this morning I went out and shelled a bushel of corn for you, in place of some eggs."

"I stood there speechless for a brief time, then said, "Mr. _____, I appreciate your kindness and effort to prepare this for us, but I have no use for a bushel of shelled corn." I shall never forget the expression of disappointment on that man's face as I spoke those words, but he was gracious none the less.

Monday morning I faced a group of disappointed preachers. I had nothing to contribute to the weekly sharing. When they heard my excuse, they were ready to take harsh action. They came close to moving me off the campus. They said, "Nathan Pulling, you city dummie, that corn could have been taken just down the hill to the grist mill and we all could have had fresh corn meal to make corn bread to go with the fresh turnip greens."

Nathan Pulling

To Clarke College With Love

How does one really put in words the Clarke College experience? As the old adage says, "You would have had to have been there to know what I'm talking about." This is the feeling of most Clarke students and it is still as true for me today as in 1965 when I graduated.

Clarke opened up a realm of opportunity for me to make my entrance into the college world; something no one else in my family had done because of the lack of funds and opportunities. I knew that God called me to attend Clarke College and I felt compelled to attend there even though I could have received an education at many other colleges for less money. Why did I feel compelled? I had heard many wonderful stories of the favor of God on the school from my mother, who had known Dr. & Mrs. Compere. Also, we had known several who attended Clarke and they had come from difficult financial straits, just as I was in. Because of the initial contacts with the college, I felt in my spirit that if I could just get there, I would make it through. And by God's grace, the help of many people financially, the work

opportunities on campus and the faculty and staff who took a personal interest in me to help me succeed, that calling brought reality. I am a product of many who invested in me at Clarke College, not only because I had a need but also because of their love and concern for Clarke and its mission. I will always use the word FAMILY for Clarke because there was great love and concern for each other and the faculty and staff treated us with love, respect and challenge. They were always excited about our achievements and hurt with us in times of a personal need.

As I reflect on my life, which I have done quite often, I always place Clarke College at a pivotal position in my pilgrimage of faith. It was there where I was loved, challenged to know the Lord more deeply, challenged to do my best, encouraged in the use of my gifts and talents, given leadership responsibilities with the belief that the faculty felt I could do it even though I felt very weak and ill equipped, and many opportunities and accountability in witnessing and missions.

The Lottie Moon Star made a great impression on my life and I learned sacrificial giving for missions. This came through in the lives of students, former students and also the faculty as we waited and watched for all the lights to be glowing on that final night. I have never gotten over the "Star" and was so excited to see it on the Afghan which was sold by the Alumni Association. My inspiration in the area of missions came at Clarke College and I still have it so strongly today. I am grateful to say that I have a son, Timothy, who is serving presently in the Middle East through the JOURNEYMAN program of the International Mission Board.

There are far too many memories and stories to tell and so many people, both student and faculty, I would love to write about. However, others need space also. But I must confess one thing to Dr. Melton ... which he probably knew...if you all remember his keen sense of ability to know ALL that was going on around him, even to the people present when they had not spoken a word. Well, one day I was writing a letter in his class... I hope it was to a boyfriend. After class, Buford Easley came to me and said, "Claudia, would you be writing a letter in class if Dr. Melton was not blind?" Well, you and I both know my answer... "NO!" "Well, should you be doing that because he can not see you?" "NO!" How true Buford's rebuke was and though I was highly intimidated and embarrassed, he had the right to ask me that for I was wrong. And I also was embarrassed because Dr. Melton was one of the most influential professors and friend in my life and I owe him a debt of gratitude for his strong teaching, challenge, encouragement and belief in me. I dedicate this note to him WITH GREAT AND ABIDING THANKS.

Claudia Faye Hines Hood

Clarke College -- So What?

It is impossible to put into words what Clarke College meant to me. Even now after more than fifty years the memories flood my whole being, and I rejoice in them.

Response for Clarke College Homecoming

PLEASE RETURN TO CONFIRM ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND RESERVATION FOR MEAL

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Years attended Clarke _____ Clarke College Afghan \$50.00 \$ _____

Membership Dues for 2001-2001 (\$10.00 per person per year) \$ _____

Lunch Reservations _____ Amount Enclosed for lunch (\$8.00 per person) \$ _____

It was at Clarke College where I had my first "in-depth" study of the Bible. Clarke had some of the greatest teacher I have known -- teachers who taught, inspired, and challenged me. The atmosphere on the campus was one of experiencing God in many ways. I had just finished high school and responded to God's call to the ministry, making my lifetime commitment to Him. It would have been very difficult for me to follow that commitment had it not been for Clarke College. I had no money, but was able to work at the college to pay most of my expenses.

It was a Clarke College where I met some of the best life-long friends I have ever had -- friends who have been there for me through the years. The greatest of all those friends was the young lady who later became my wife, my life companion, my true helpmate in the ministry.

It was at Clarke College where I experienced the greatest opportunities of leadership, serving as president of both my freshman and sophomore classes. But it was the BSU where I served as president, that afforded the greatest opportunities for leadership. We had a team of dedicated young Christians -- the best -- to serve on the BSU Council.

It was at Clarke College where I received one of the greatest honors -- elected by the student body as "Mr. Clarke College." Being elected by my fellow Alumni as president of the Clarke College Alumni Association was a great honor.

Because of the experiences I had at Clarke, I shall remain loyal to the memories of the institution that meant so much to me. At this time, the best way to do that is through the Alumni Association. I would challenge all alumni to make whatever sacrifices necessary to help keep alive the "spirit" of Clarke, the

spirit of Christian fellowship which we received at our beloved college. You can do this by participation in the Alumni Association.

Each spring when we meet our fellow alumni for Homecoming and share experiences and memories, the old flames of love and loyalty are made to blaze a little brighter. The Alumni Association is the best way to have to keep the "Spirit" of Clarke alive. We need your help to do that.

Clarke College -- So What? So thank God for the experiences and the memories.

James Griffith

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED?

As closing of Clarke College gets further in the past, it will be more difficult to remember specifics about the days at Clarke! There seems to be a renewed interest in genealogy, with all of the history books of towns, counties and families being published. How about the Alumni creating a book called "Memories of Clarke College"? All former students, faculty members and staff members would have opportunity to write personal information about their life and families and especially human interest stories concerning Clarke College's influence on them? This would be a gigantic task that would involve many people, but what a treasure the book would be! **Are you interested in this being our next project?**

By Marian Thornton

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*Asking God to forgive
and going on to live
every day for Him,
Trying your best others
to win.*

*This preacher loves to
shop at outlet stores,
In one he could spend
a whole day,
or maybe even more.*

*The owner of one said,
"Preacher, pray for me,"
and that's what we should
do for lost sinners,
don't you see?*

*The path down a mountain
is beautiful and easy,
but on your way up
the trail gets rough.*

*Keep your eyes fixed
on God.
Remember the rugged
road Jesus trod.*

*He will lift you up
and show you the way,
Happy in Him forever
you will stay.*



A Month Of Sundays

*There is a Baptist Church
in South Mississippi
down Biloxi way,
Northeast of the coast they say.*

*Its architecture I'm unable
to describe,
But I can tell you what
I see and hear inside.*

*Every Sunday, their
morning service comes
into my home by way of TV,
and it is really alive you see.*

*Patricia R. Corey
301 2nd St.
Picaune, MS 39466*

Their preacher is tall
and not too thin at all.
He wears glasses and a
great big smile.
Every sermon he preaches
is *worth while*.

Never,
have I heard him
shout or yell,
But *always* he has
a *story to tell*.

Once about a boy
who could not walk,
and this "big league player"
who gave him a talk.

He said, "*You can do
anything you want to do.*
But first you gotta
forget about the *size*
of your *little shoe*,
and *remember* just
how much God loves you."

Next Sunday he told
of a painting *not actually*
worth its value in gold,
the high price had to be paid,
Because the picture was
"*Master made.*"

Things of this world
are *worth nothing at all*
Until we *listen* and
heed God's call.

The Sunday that followed
was all about *Grace*.
Not the blue-eyed blonde
with such a beautiful face.

But the *Grace* that *God* so
freely gave
for this world of
troubled *people*
to save.

I thought he was all through,
When he comes up with
something new,
Which gives an old story
great and *wonderful meaning*
for *me* and for *you*.

Politicians, placards and names,
Football players and games.
We should follow Jesus
much more than the same.

The *color* of your ticket
makes a *difference*
when you go to a *game*,
But the *ticket to Heaven*
is always the same.

The color is *crimson*
red.

It is the *blood that*
Jesus shed.

You *can not buy* your way
there,
All it takes is *praying*
a *prayer*.

MISSION MINISTRIES RECEIVING OFFERINGS

- † International Seamen & Truckers' Ministry, Gulfport, MS
- † Prison Evangelism Outreach
- † Ministry of Chuck Gilbert, who accepted Christ as a teenager under Rev. John Boggan's ministry at Saline, Michigan. He and his wife, Jamie, leave in September for a one-year volunteer mission trip to Turkey, a country 95% Moslem.
- † A new Mission in Murphreesboro, a rapidly growing area near Nashville, TN.
- † Ministry of Rev. Teddy Ward, Church Starter Liaison for Pioneer Missions in Western New York

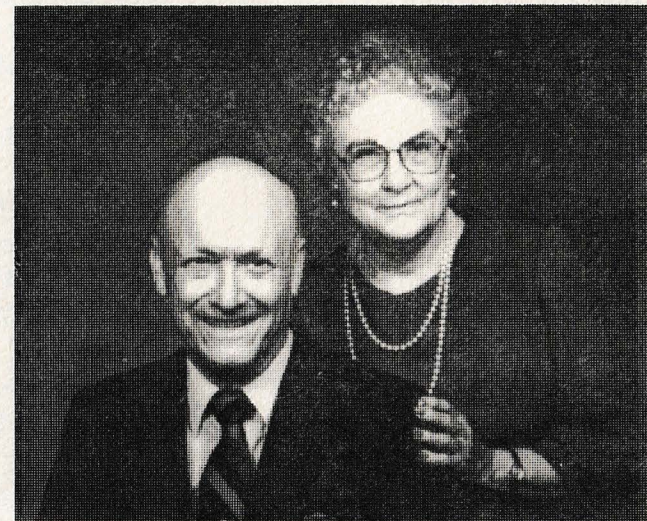
*Thank you to all those who have given
and will give to these special mission projects.*



SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE

HONORING

Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Compere



***First Baptist Church
Newton, Mississippi
August 17, 1997
2:00 p.m.***

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION SERVICE
FOR**

DR. AND MRS. W. L. COMPERE

First Baptist Church of Newton

August 17, 1997

2:00 p.m.

Prelude Miss Dianne Nelson & Mr. Jeff Hardy
"Wonderful Words Of Life"

Welcome Dr. Frank Harmon
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Hymn No. 4 "To God Be The Glory"

Guest Speakers Rev. John Boggan
Mr. Paul Harrell
Dr. Marjean Patterson

Hymn No. 153 "My Tribute"

Guest Speakers Mr. Dusty Perkins
Dr. R. J. Reynolds
Mr. Cliff Watson
Mr. John Osborne

Music Message Mr. Randy Cuchens
Minister of Music and Youth, First Baptist Church

Response from the Family Dr. John Compere

Special Presentation Mr. Hamp Beatty
Mayor of Newton

Closing Remarks Dr. Frank Harmon
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Postlude Miss Dianne Nelson & Mr. Jeff Hardy
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



Welcome to the Special Recognition Service for Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Compere. We are grateful you are here to share in this special day with the Comperes. We invite you to the reception in our Family Life Building Lounge following the service.

When you add up the number of years Dr. & Mrs. Compere have been doing the Lord's work, it totals over 65 years. With Mrs. Compere always by his side, Dr. Compere served 25 years in the pastorate and 22½ years as President of Clarke College. For the last 18 years (and still counting) they have traveled hand-in-hand doing full-time mission work. Congratulations to the Comperes on 65½ years of working together and 68 years of wedded bliss which they celebrated on August 6. May God continue to bless both of you.

We'd like to extend a special welcome to the Comperes' children: Bill, Jackie, and John and their families. John will be speaking in our service today on behalf of the Compere family.



Our sanctuary flowers have been placed today
in honor of Dr. & Mrs. W. L. Compere by
Mr. & Mrs. Andy Armstrong and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Averett
